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SUBJECT: CUBA AND THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

1. SUMMARY. FSFA ASST SEC (MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS) KOMATINA TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT CHOICE OF HAVANA FOR NACB MEETING RESULTED FROM "TECHNICAL" REASONS. HE INDICATED HIS DISCOMFORT AT THE CHOICE, AND NOTED CUBA MAY HAVE SEVERAL "ALLIES" THERE. HOWEVER, HE SURMISED THAT THE CUBANS WILL PROBABLY BE MORE FLEXIBLE AS HOSTS THAN THEY MIGHT OTHERWISE BE. THE REAL PROBLEM WILL ARISE AFTER THE 1979 NAM SUMMIT WHEN THE CUBANS MAY UNDERTAKE INITIATIVES HARMFUL TO NAM UNITY. END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR MET WITH KOMATINA MAY 10 TO REVIEW CURRENT STAGES OF NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA SITUATIONS (STATE 116105) AND BEGIN/DAYAN VISITS TO US (STATE 114888, EXDIS). IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION KOMATINA MADE FOLLOWING POINTS ON CUBA AND THE NAM:

-- CHOICE OF HAVANA TO HOST THE NACB MEETING WAS MADE FOR PURELY "TECHNICAL" REASONS. AFGHANISTAN DECLINED TO CONTINUE
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ITS ROLE AND OTHERS, INCLUDING YUGOSLAVIA AND INDIA, ALSO DECLINED. ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA THEN SUGGESTED HAVANA AS A CONVENIENT POINT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD BE PRESENT IN NEW YORK FOR THE SSOD.

--CHOICE OF HAVANA IS "BAD" FOR THREE REASONS:

(A) TWO MAJOR NA MEETINGS WILL NOW BE HELD IN HAVANA;

(B) THE MEETING THERE COMES AT A TIME WHEN CUBA IS BEGINNING TO BECOME CONTROVERSIAL SO THAT (C) MANY STATES, ALTHOUGH THEY WILL BE PRESENT, MAY NOT BE REPRESENTED BY THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS.

-- THE ACTUAL ATTENDANCE AT THE NACB MEETING IS STILL UNCERTAIN. NOT ONE AMBASSADOR IN N.Y. WAS ABLE TO SAY IN ADVANCE IF FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD ATTEND WITHOUT FIRST INQUIRING OF FOREIGN OFFICE. THE SUDANESE AMBASSADOR, HOWEVER, WAS THE ONLY ONE TO STATE HIS UNCERTAINTY AS TO THE ATTENDANCE BY HIS GOVERNMENT.

-- GOY EXPECTS CUBA TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE AND CAUTIONS IN VIEW OF ITS ROLE AS HOST. NEVERTHELESS, CUBA HAS THREE OR FOUR "GOOD" ALLIES IN THE NACB -- CHIEFLY VIETNAM AND ANGOLA-- AND FOUR OR FIVE "ACCIDENTAL" ALLIES IN THE NACB, INCLUDING ALGERIA AND SYRIA. THE LATTER TWO MAY SUPPORT CUBAN INITIATIVES IN RETURN FOR SUPPORT ON THE WESTERN SAHARA AND OPPOSITION TO THE SADAT INITIATIVE. THE CUBANS CAN, MOREOVER, DEPEND ON THE SILENCE OF TWO OR THREE OTHERS WHO DO NOT TAKE RESOLUTIONS "SERIOUSLY," ZAIRE, FOR INSTANCE.

--ALGERIAN AND SYRIAN SUPPORT FOR CUBA MAY EXIST DESPITE ITS ROLE IN SOMALIA. THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE WAS INTERESTING
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IN THAT IT CONDEMNED THE INTERVENTION OF SOME NON-AFRICAN STATES BUT FAILED TO SUPPORT SOMALIA.

--THE PROBLEM WITH CUBA FOR THE NAM DOES NOT LIE SO MUCH IN ITS ACTIONS NOW, AS IN ITS ACTIONS AFTER THE 1979 HAVANA SUMMIT. KOMATINA EXPRESSED THE FEAR THAT CUBA WILL UNDERTAKE THEREAFTER TOO MANY INITIATIVES WHICH WILL NOT FIND CONSENSUS AND WHICH MIGHT LEAD SOME COUNTRIES, ONLY, TO CEASE PARTICIPATING IN THE NAM.
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